

# NOVEMBER - DECEMBER PROGRAMS

## Wachusett Mountain State Reservation

Programs At a Glance

Program Descriptions

### MONDAY

- 1pm-2:30pm: Bark, Bark, Bark!

### TUESDAY

- 10am-11am: Snow Mysteries
- 2pm-2:30pm: A Peak Back in Time

### FRIDAY

- 1pm-2:30pm: Snowshoe Stroll

### SATURDAY

- 10am-11:30am: Snow Mysteries
- 1pm-1:30pm: The Forest Before Us
- 2pm-2:30pm: Wild! Life on the Mountain

### SUNDAY

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- 1pm-1:30pm: The Forest Before Us
- 2pm-2:30pm: Wild! Life on the Mountain

### THE FOREST BEFORE US

Want to see the forest through the trees? We can help! Join us as we talk about forest growth from the last glacial period to the present. A special feature is an overview of the unique and rare old growth forests of Wachusett Mountain, with a wide variety of trees that are several hundred years old.

*This program takes place at the visitor center. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.*

### WILD! LIFE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Did you know that our area is home to over 50 species of mammals? Discover the fascinating lives of the “locals” as we talk about wildlife habitats, competition, and survival on Wachusett Mountain. We will show you the skins, skulls, and tracks of some of our native animals, including northeastern coyotes, deer, moose, bobcats, and bears.

*This program takes place at the visitor center. Appropriate for ages 5 and above.*

### BARK, BARK BARK!

Join a park interpreter on a leisurely trail walk at Mount Wachusett to learn how to use bark to identify common species of deciduous and coniferous trees. As an added bonus, we will point out additional characteristics of rare old-growth trees to help you learn how to recognize these treasures.

*This program takes place outside of the visitor center. Suitable for ages 10 and up.*

### A PEAK BACK IN TIME

Come journey with us to Wachusett’s past. We will learn about our geologic history, the last ice age, the Indigenous Nipmuc people who inhabited this area, the fascinating summit houses that once stood on top of the mountain, the historic Civilian Conservation Corps era, the Hurricane of ‘38, the legend of Lucy Keyes, and much more.

*This program takes place in the visitor center. Appropriate for ages 8 and above.*

### SNOW MYSTERIES

Join us to solve the mysteries of animal tracks at Wachusett Mountain. Be sure to dress warmly and wear winter boots and bring snowshoes if you have them. You may call the visitor center ahead of time for an update on snow conditions. If there is no snow this will be an indoor presentation on animal tracks.

*Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for all ages.*

### SNOWSHOE STROLL





Come join us in a new tradition at the mountain! This will be an easy one-and-a-half hour stroll along Wachusett’s trails. Bring your own snowshoes and a sense of adventure. Afterwards, we will warm up by our fireplace in the Visitor Center. If there is no snow we will hike on one of our mountain trails.

*Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for all ages. This outdoor program will cover approximately one mile over easy terrain.*



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children.** Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear and warm clothing.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Designed for kids
-  Fun for the whole family
-  Hiking



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